



NEWSLETTER – MAY 2020

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Starting with NOV.8 REGULAR MEETING, thru *May 2020 will be held in the Fellowship Room at
PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH, [2201 Rio Grande Blvd, College Station, TX 77845](http://2201RioGrandeBlvd.com)

**PLEASE STAY TUNED FOR UPDATES ON OUR MEETING DATES AND LOCATIONS
DUE TO CORONA VIRUS.**

Letter from your Presidents

To all members and friends of the A&M Garden Club

The Corona Virus has limited most activities to the individual rather than groups. We all miss each other! The Public Libraries are closed through May 31st. It is recommended that everyone attend church via computer/websites rather than in person.

The A&M Garden Club members are following the same precautions. We will not have a May Board meeting together, and we will not have a May regular club meeting. We will stay in contact via phone, email, newsletter, website, Facebook, and blog.

We hope we can participate in the July 4th Celebration at Heritage Park. We want to participate in the Wish Upon a Butterfly at the Brazos Valley Natural History Museum. We would like to have coffee times together again because that is fun! Everything is in a safer holding pattern right now.

Please continue to share pictures of your gardens and critters on the Facebook Group, A&M Garden Club Group: Horticulture, Design, Landscape, & More.

Keep in contact with each other. We all need to hear how and what others are doing. Share how your gardens are doing, how much fun it is to dig up weeds successfully, what is blooming, and what different birds you are seeing. Carolyn Parsons suggested that Victory Gardens could be a guide for growing more of our food. As she said we can try to grow vegetables anywhere we grow flowers now. What ideas do you have?

Your A&M Garden Club Board voted to send the Peace Lutheran Church \$150 as a donation in thanks for providing us a meeting place for board and regular meetings and for changing the work time of the custodians one Friday a month for our meetings.

The new A&M Board will take office on May 8, when our regular meeting would have been. The members of the Board were formally elected at the January 10, 2020 meeting. We are planning to hold the Board's installation celebration during our August Social. Our new Board members will be working together via phone and email to put together everything for the 2020-2021 Yearbook.

You wrote down suggested activities and talks for future meetings on lists during each regular meeting. We will email those out to everyone to consider. We also will email out a list of the 2019-2020 activities and talks, so you can send them back with a ranking for us to use as guidance for the future.

May you all stay well and enjoy the bird songs and the flowers!

Sherry Ellison and Michele Wehrheim

APRIL IN REVIEW

The main club highlight this month has been Deana winning third place in Class 1B "Near-sighted Close Up and Macro" in the National Garden Club 2020 Perfect Vision Flower Show "Seeing is Believing" Photo Section for her image of a Gulf fritillary butterfly egg on a Passionvine.



Members have been sharing photos on our Facebook Group of their beautiful flowers and gardens, and we invite all Facebook users to contribute tips and tricks of a horticulture/design nature – share pictures of your own gardens, or gardens around the world that you have visited, or flower arrangements!

There are new posts on our blog at amgardenclub.wordpress.com

Trees at Richard Carter Park: Sherry Ellison reports that she is checking on the trees at the park and they are looking great! The Possum Haw and Texas Persimmon were planted in honor of Carole Hopp and Viola de la Garza respectively.



Texas Persimmon



Possum Haw



Redbud



Pecan

MAY IN THE GARDEN

PLAN: To replace, repair or clean garden tools if not done at the onset of winter. Shake seed from matured annual plants in the flower beds before the old plants are destroyed so you will have volunteer plants next season.

PRUNE: Cut back verbenas, petunias and other plants that are beginning to look ragged to encourage new growth. Separate and replant violets when they finish blooming.

PLANT: Cockscomb, marigolds, periwinkle, bachelor buttons, caladium, coleus, hibiscus, other summer blooming annuals, and balled & burlapped shrubs.

FERTILIZE: Roses and plants that continue blooming and those producing buds for next year's bloom. Keep beds lightly cultivated or mulched.

SPRAY: Roses for pests and black spot, mildew and rust.

WEATHER PROTECTION: Protect roots from the sun with mulch. Water deeply. Shade young seedlings until well established.

BLOOMING: Spring flowering annuals, perennials, begonias, cactus, cannas, daylilies and many shrubs.

VEGETABLE START DATES: (Give or take a few days.)

Beans, bush 3/10 – 5/5
Corn, sweet 3/5-5/5
Cucumber 3/20-6/15
*Eggplant (transplants) 3/26 -6/10
Melons, 4/5 – 6/15
Okra, 4/5 – 6/15
Pea, Southern, 4/5 – 6/15
Pepper, 4/5 – 6/15
Potato, Sweet, 4/5 – 5/20
Pumpkin, 4/5 – 6/15
Radish 1/25 – 5/5
Squash, summer 3/15 – 6/15
Squash, winter 3/15-6/15

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Treasurer will begin accepting dues for 2020-2021 year on February 14, 2020: \$25 cash, check, no credit card access. Please keep your receipt if you pay cash. Thank you, Susie Ohendalski, Treasurer, susieo.1976@gmail.com

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

Your 2020-2021 proposed budget will be sent via email to the membership for an open discussion to last 48 hours; please watch for it this week. Remember to "reply all" to ask any questions or make any comment so we are all in the loop.

Next, we will vote to approve or not. This process will be via email, more details later. Voting will be open four days, so everyone has the opportunity to vote.

Thank you from Susie O, Budget Committee Chairman

2020-2021 Officers Effective May 8, 2020

Co-Presidents:	Sherry Ellison, Michele Wehrheim
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CALENDAR THRU MAY, 2020



The May meeting is CANCELLED. Watch for further updates!

In addition to voting electronically on the 2020-2021 Budget (which came out of Committee and therefore does not require a second), since we don't know when we will be able to meet again in person, it may be necessary to conduct electronic votes on other matters that might arise. If this is the case, please do take the time to reply with a Yes or No -

Words from Johanna, AMGC Chairman for "The Gardens"/TGC Chairman for "Seeds for Life"

Proposed EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES RELATING TO "THE GARDENS"

The Gardens at Texas A&M University offer educational activities that are open to gardeners, their families and the general public, both at the Gardens and at the Ringer Library. Please visit <https://gardens.tamu.edu/> and click under Events and Programs.

Our friends at The Gardens at TAMU are offering many online garden demonstration sessions via Facebook and Zoom. Join their fun events and learn something new! Visit their website and scroll down to find their social media announcements here:

<https://gardens.tamu.edu/online-educational-offerings/>



TGC PROJECT "SEEDS FOR LIFE"

Our Seeds for Life Program is a great way to make gardening programs flourish in developing nations. Our garden club contributes to this TGC Project and many of our members have helped lead gardening sessions in Guatemala. Check out their new brochure here, featuring some of our club members:

http://texasgardenclubs.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/New_SeedsforLife_2020_brochure-1.pdf